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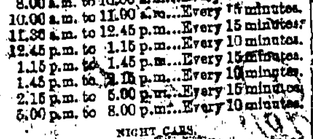
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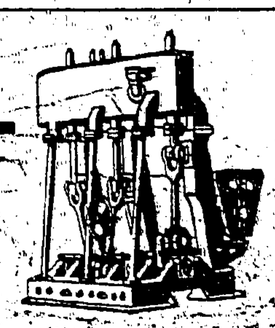
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THE WESTERN FRONT.

LOCAL FIGHTING ON THE AVRE.

LIVELY ARTILLERY DUEL.

LONDON, Aug. 10, 1 a.m.

A French communique states:—

Artillery duel continued very lively during the day, particularly in the region of Cunny-sur-Matz and Beuvraignes.

Local actions south of the Avre resulted in our capturing 150 prisoners.

Eight enemy aeroplanes were brought down and three captive balloons were set on fire yesterday.

STIFF ENEMY RESISTANCE.

OLD TRENCHES SUPPLYING GERMANS WITH GOOD DEFENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

The enemy apparently has decided to resist stiffly on his present lines on the Roye, Lassigny and the Oise sectors. The old trenches are giving him a solid defence. Hence the battle has momentarily reverted to trench warfare.

SUCCESSFUL LOCAL OPERATION BY THE BRITISH.

VILLAGE AND DEFENDED FARMS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 18, 11.30 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We carried out a successful local operation on a front of over four miles between Vieux Berquin and Bailleul with slight loss.

We advanced our line from 1,000 to 2,000 yards and captured the village of Outtersteene and several defended farms and houses.

We took over 400 prisoners.

We also progressed to the south-west of Merville and between Chilly and Frauder, taking prisoners.

We repulsed attacks against posts in the neighbourhood of Bewucourt, Serri and Fusieux, taking prisoners.

FIVE ENEMY MACHINES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—

We destroyed five aeroplanes.

Three British machines are missing.

We dropped 13 tons of bombs.

GENERAL ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We took a few prisoners on the Ayette sector and also southward of the Scarpe where our patrols penetrated some distance into the enemy's positions.

We repulsed raiders northward of the Scarpe.

We further progressed on the Merville sector, taking 40 or 50 prisoners.

Our artillery and machine-gun fire completely broke up a counter-attack on our new positions between Outtersteene and Meteren.

BRITISH AERIAL ADVENTURES.

AERODROMES ATTACKED.

LONDON, Aug. 19.

The Air Ministry reports:—

On the night of the 17th-18th we attacked numerous aerodromes, railway junctions, blast furnaces, trains and other ground targets.

We machine-gunned many targets. One machine has not returned.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

A wireless German official message states:—

We drove back enemy attacks along the Ancre and Amiens and Montdidier to Roye.

Enemy attacks between Beuvraignes and Lassigny collapsed.

The enemy gained a foothold in our forward lines northward of Autrechies.

In the Vosges our posts which had advanced in the Fave region as far as Frapelle, yielded to a local enemy thrust.

SPANISH NOTE TO GERMANY.

IS IT AN ULTIMATUM?

SITUATION GRAVER THAN EVER.

MADRID, Aug. 18.

As regards the Spanish Note to Germany, mentioned on the 17th, it is stated that the Note is really an ultimatum.

The situation is believed to be graver than ever.

NOTE DENIED.

SPAIN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Aug. 18.

As the Spanish papers have been publishing sensational statements regarding Spain's relations with Germany, Senor Dato, the Foreign Minister, has issued a declaration insisting that the intention of the Government, like its predecessors, is to maintain neutrality under all circumstances and denying the existence of any Note to Germany.

He says it is not the practice of Governments to publish instructions sent to Diplomatic representatives abroad and concludes by denying having forwarded a Note regarding the alleged torpedoing of the steamer *Serantes*, whose loss was due to a fire in her cargo of petroleum shipped from New York.

LONDON BUS AND TRAM-EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

10,000 MEN IDLE.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

The bus and tram drivers and conductors have struck, following the women conductors' demand for an additional five shillings per week, which advance was recently given the men.

Practically the whole of the London bus services have been suspended to-day and 10,000 workers are idle.

The workers' representative anticipates the strike spreading to the provinces.

MAXIMUM PRICE OF SILVER FIXED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.

The Treasury announces that it has virtually fixed the maximum price of silver at 101.

The Federal Reserve Board will only grant export licenses for essential civil and military purposes and on condition that the maximum price is not exceeded by the purchaser.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

The Silver Market is quiet.

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NOTICE.

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P. P. J. WODEHOUSE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, Aug. 16, 1918. 671

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION.

TO THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

GENTLEMEN,

It is my intention to stand for the vacancy on the Legislative Council to represent the Justices of the Peace during the two months' absence of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Mr. Andrew Forbes has proposed and Mr. Evan Ormiston has seconded my nomination.

If I am elected, I will do the best I can in the interests of the Colony—the Commercial Community with which I have been associated with for the past twenty years.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Yours obedient servant,
A. R. LOWE.

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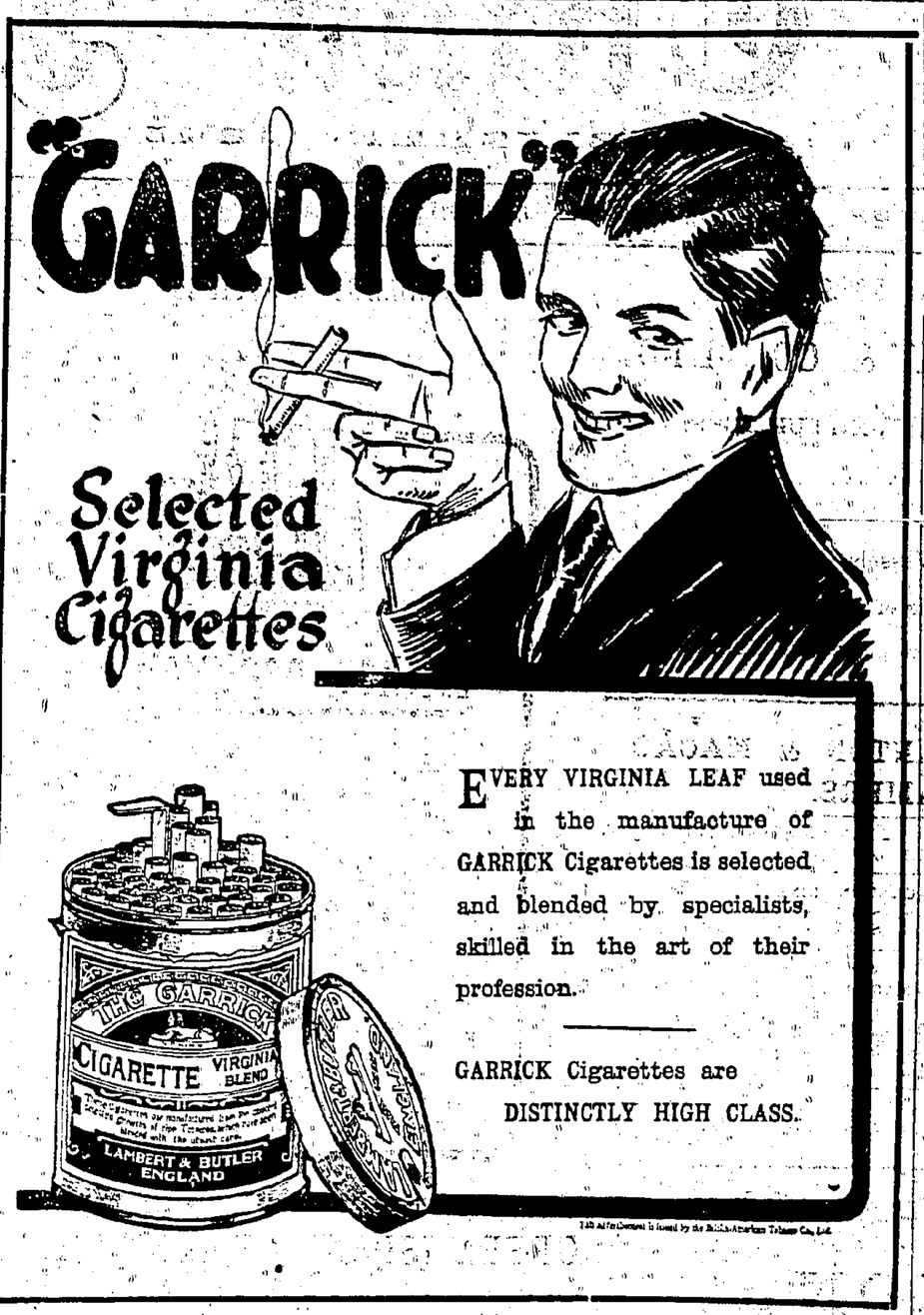
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THE DEFEAT OF THE SUBMARINE

METHODS OF DEFENCE.

[By ARTHUR H. POLLEN.]

Take it for all in all, it is the convoy system that has saved most ships so far, and it is the only defensive measure that is capable of indefinite extension. Destroyers are of all forms of craft the most effective, because they alone have the capacity for sudden bursts of very high speed, and combine with this such handiness that they can be made to turn in a small circle. The value of this sprinting and manœuvring capacity lies in this. A submarine, to attack a convoy, must have its periscope showing. If the convoying destroyer sees the periscope, it can dash for the spot at the rate of one mile in two minutes, and then manœuvre round it, dropping depth charges in an area in which one of these may be hoped to find the enemy. Obviously, the more quickly it can get to the point where the submarine dived, the smaller the area into which the submarine can have fled; the greater, therefore, the chances of one of the depth charges destroying it. Even if the submarine escapes annihilation, the fact that explosion has followed explosion at a depth of between 100 and 150 feet is sure to have shaken it up very severely, and to have caused some even if not fatal, damage, and hence greatly to have disturbed the nerves and upset the morale of those within her. The high probability of such an attack following within two, three, or four minutes of the periscope being seen imposes the severest of all strains upon submarine officers and crews. The importance, then, of multiplying destroyers can simply not be exaggerated.

PROTECTING A CONVOY.

While the destroyer is the ideal ship for protecting a convoy, it does not mean that other units of naval force are useless. So far from this being the case, there is hardly any form of ship that cannot, in some circumstances, be turned to account for this purpose. For example, ten or 12 knot trawlers, or 18 and 20 knot sloops, if well armed and well manned, may be just as useful as a destroyer in protecting ships if the submarine is attacking them by long-range fire. In the weather conditions in which they make good gun platforms, such vessels so armed are, indeed, of complete protection. But striking [illegible] they cannot counter-attack if the submarine gets into position to use a torpedo. Their capacity to fight effectively depends entirely upon the kind of guns they are armed with and the training and skill of their crews. Such vessels draw too little water to be favourable targets for the submarine's torpedo, and so, while they themselves have not much power to attack a submerged submarine, the torpedo-using submarine has, correspondingly, no under-water means of offence against them.

And just as sloops and trawlers can protect convoys, so a well-armed, well-manned merchant ship can convoy unarmed ships, and to the extent to which its watch is vigilant and its gunnery good. It can then afford a degree of security.

Finally, as we learnt recently from the fate of the first German cruising submarine to be destroyed, a submarine itself is very far from being valueless as a protection against ships of its own kind. Here you are setting a thief to catch a thief with a vengeance. If the enemy relying on the long-range powerful guns which the largest submarines can carry, elects to fight as a surface ship, then it is obviously good policy for merchant ships open to such attack to be escorted by a submarine, because the enemy—lying on the surface with deck, conning tower, and guns showing—will probably be seen by its intended victim a considerable distance off, long before he will be visible to the submarine. The convoy would then signal to its escort, which would proceed submerged to stalk the enemy, and manœuvre for a torpedo attack at close quarters. The enemy submarine lying low in the water is badly equipped with means for detecting an opponent of its own sort. It is this which gives the protecting submarine its chance.

THE CRUISING SUBMARINE.

The advantage of the cruising submarine to the enemy is that its higher surface speed, greater radius of action, more powerful armament, and its above-water protection, make it a far more formidable surface vessel than submarines of the ordinary type. Under water it is of no greater value than its lesser brothers, except that it can stop at sea longer and, having more torpedoes, is good for a greater number of attacks. But mere size is a disadvantage if the submarine is to be used as such. It is, hence, obvious that it is for work as far afield as possible that these vessels have been built. It is precisely against such vessels working on the surface that our own submarines are likely to be effective. In addition to destroyers, sloops, trawlers, and submarines, aircraft are used for protective purposes too, but their utility lies more in offensive tactics.

To sum up, the best of defences—I use the term literally—is convoy, a fact which is proved by the extraordinarily low percentage of ships lost since this principle was adopted rather less than a year ago. The contrast between the convoy and ante-convoy conditions shows this conclusively. Twelve months since the underwriting rate for Transatlantic bottoms was 7 per cent. Those that took the risk apparently reckoning on only one ship in 16 or 17 surviving the voyage. To-day the loss has fallen from one in 17 to about one in 70. It is satisfactory to know that in the United States they are not only building destroyers with furious energy, but the undefeated Mr. Ford is turning out special anti-submarine craft with something like the facility with which he produces motor cars.

But, when all is said and done, the convoy acts more as a deterrent to submarines than as a direct agency for their destruction, and it is only maintained at an immense cost in the wear and tear of ships, and by the employment of an immense number of men. It consequently involves a huge rate of expense, all of which must be added to the total disadvantages which the enemy's submarine campaign imposes on us. It is, this which lends point to the old saying that the best defence is the offence, for, if wholesale methods for the destruction of submarines can be adopted, the evil is stopped, so to speak, at its source.

I will discuss the main outlines of the measures of offence on a future occasion.

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The Secretary (Mr. E. A. Smith-Rewse) read the notice convening the meeting, which stated that the resolution would be "proposed as an extraordinary resolution, with a view to its subsequent confirmation as a special resolution."

The Chairman, who was warmly applauded, said:—Ladies and gentlemen, you will hardly be surprised to learn that your attention has been occupied for five minutes by the legal technicalities raised by my friend on the left, who ordained that that notice should be read instead of being taken as read—a course which I, myself, should have advised. Before moving the resolution for altering the existing articles of association of the company, in the manner outlined in the circular sent you, I propose stating briefly the motives which animated your directors in recommending this measure to you. If it is generally known that the capital in this business is not really £5,000,000, but, including the reserve fund and £2,000,000 of paid-up preference capital, the amount is really £11,000,000 sterling, this knowledge has been consistently ignored by critics who profess themselves horrified at profits of 35 per cent. So in order that we may wipe away this reproach, your directors have decided to capitalise £3,000,000 of the reserve fund contributed by you as premium on shares, thus making the capital upon which dividends will be paid more in consonance with the actual capital engaged in the business than is the low nominal capital on which dividends have hitherto been distributed. To those shareholders who do not know the history of this company and who may be surprised by the fact now disclosed—that of the £4,000,000 forming the reserve fund only £400,000 has been set aside out of profits, it is necessary to explain that such ample reserves have been made by the companies from which the "Shell" Company derives its income as to render appropriation for this purpose unnecessary by a holding company.

The natural corollary to the passing of this resolution will be that of which you have had notice—namely, an increase in the capital of the company, this being obviously necessary before fresh shares can be issued and a scheme for this purpose formulated. Assuming that we issue to the shareholders three shares for every five held, the paid-up capital of the company will then stand at £8,000,000 ordinary and £2,000,000 of preference, and we shall have power to issue for further requirements £4,000,000 of ordinary and £1,000,000 of preference. In our last issue (made in lieu of a cash payment) shares were offered to the shareholders at par, and £1,000,000 sterling of money was retained in the business. I am glad to inform you that the financial position of the company is now so strong that it is unnecessary to repeat this expedient. Notwithstanding the fact that the dividend has to be paid on £1,000,000 more capital than last year, we have been able, as you know by the announcement just made, to maintain the dividend of 35 per cent., including the increased capital. (Cheers).

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Mr. W. Foot Mitchell: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me much pleasure to second the resolution.

The Chairman put the motion, and declared it carried: the announcement being received with cheers.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL TO £15,000,000.

A further extraordinary general meeting of the company was then held.

The Secretary read the notice, which stated that the following resolution would be proposed:—"That the capital of the company be increased to £15,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional ordinary shares of £1 each.

The Chairman: Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my duty to move the adoption of the resolution you have just heard read. It authorises the increase of the capital, but we are advised that a general meeting of the company will be necessary before the issue of the shares can take place. We shall summon that meeting as soon as we can, but in order to avoid unnecessary expenditure on stamps and stationery—a matter which should be considered in these times—we propose taking advantage of the general meeting to ask you to pass the resolution as to the issue of shares. It is a curious thing that, although we thought we had taken great pains to make our purpose clear, I am not exaggerating, I think, when I say that we have received hundreds of letters from shareholders disclaiming the wish to take any money, and saying they prefer shares; and, of course, it is rather difficult for them and for you to realise that you are not asked to pay any money for these shares. You are merely getting eight certificates where you had five; but, of course, you receive the dividend in cash. I hope I have made that point clear. As I say, it appears to us impossible that it should have been so misunderstood, but there is the fact—that shareholders do not seem to realise that this is a distribution of shares without any payment. I have the pleasure of moving the resolution.

Mr. Robert J. Black: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The Chairman put the motion, and having declared it carried unanimously, said: That closes the business of the meeting.

Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, Bt., M.P.: Before we separate I think we ought to pass a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for his very clear explanation. This is not the time for long speeches. I hope someone will second my proposition, and that we shall show our gratitude to the chairman for the very clear explanation we have received from him.

A shareholder seconded the vote, which was unanimously accorded.

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings then terminated.

NOBEL'S IN THE DYE COMBINE.

The future of the explosives industry was touched upon by Colonel Sir Ralph Anstruther, presiding over the annual meeting of Nobel's Explosives, Limited, at Glasgow.

Peace conditions, he said, were engaging the board's serious attention. They had invested funds in companies engaged in manufacturing commodities not directly akin to explosives, and had acquired a large stock interest in the dye firm of Devingstein, Limited, which might become amalgamated with British Dyes, Ltd., thus ensuring the pooling of technical knowledge.

JOYLESS MIDDLE-AGE.

One of the faults of the middle-aged, remarked the Dean of Windsor at a meeting, was that they forgot the need of youth for joy.

Going through the hospitals he found the nurses suffering more than anything else from staleness. At Christmas he visited a hospital at Coventry and, thinking they required some change, he arranged a dance for them. "I think it is the most crushing thing in the world to be treated by a dull, stale nurse," he added.

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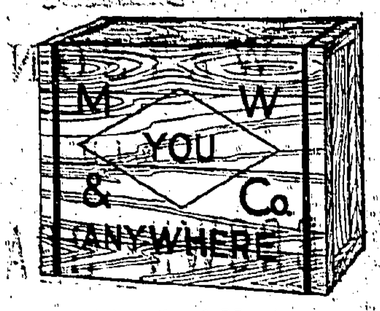
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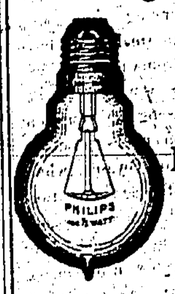
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BIRTH.

SUTTON.—On the 19th, at The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. H. SUTTON (of Canton), a son.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, August 20, 1918.

THE RIOTS IN JAPAN.

JAPAN is one of the few countries engaged in the great war which has no Food Controller, and no machinery for the control of the prices of food. That some measure of Government control is desirable and necessary is very evident. The serious riots at Osaka and Kobe arising from the exceedingly high cost of the staple food of the people have not come without due warning. For weeks past in many parts of the country the public has been protesting strongly against the continually increasing price of rice, due, it said, to profiteering by the merchants. Though about 60 per cent. of the population of Japan is engaged in agricultural pursuits, Japan does not produce all the rice she needs. There was a time in Japan when the people would not buy foreign rice at any price, but in recent years the import from Siam, Burma, China and Korea has been considerable. Now, however, the war has apparently led to a great decrease in the import, due mainly, no doubt, to abnormally high freights and lack of shipping. Thus, there is a scarcity in the country and we suppose that the farmers as well as the dealers are taking advantage of the situation at the expense of the consuming public, who, like the proverbial worm, is beginning to turn. Disturbances on a small scale have been reported from many widely separated districts, a notable feature of some reports being the prominent part played by women. For example, in the prefecture of Toyama, where there is a large fishing population, the women, while their husbands were at sea, recently combined to terrorise the rice dealers into reducing the price by threatening to set on fire the houses of the dealers as well as those occupied by the wealthy residents who are regarded as interested in the profiteering. Kobe, as well as Osaka has been the scene of big disturbances. We read that at Kobe on the 12th inst. a tremendous crowd gathered in front of the premises of SUZUKI & Co., who are popularly regarded as profiteers from the importation of foreign rice. The mob raided the offices, resorted to incendiarism and burnt them down, as well as the neighbouring office of a Japanese newspaper. A report states: "The entire city is in a state of chaos and the police seem utterly unable to control the dangerous mob, which is tens of thousands strong with some men carrying rifles and swords.—The riot continued all night long and the Kobe Steel Works, which are also owned by SUZUKI, were also burned down. All the rice shops were raided and a rice mill was attacked. Troops had to be requisitioned to quell the disturbances. Similar scenes

demonstrations have taken place at Osaka, the Birmingham of Japan, where the rice shops all over the city were raided and plundered by indignant mobs. What has happened at Kobe and Osaka appears to have happened at many other places on a smaller scale, and where batches of the agitators have been arrested it has but served to add fuel to the fire of the popular outbreak. The cables tell us that the Emperor and the Government have now come to the rescue with large donations "for the relief of sufferers from the abnormally high price of rice," but if these donations, while enabling a reduced price to be charged to consumers, serves at the same time to enable merchants and dealers to make the same high profits that they are now said to make, they will not afford a permanent remedy for the present discontent. Some system of national control and distribution would seem to be necessary. We notice that in some prefectures attempts have been made to prevent the export of rice to other prefectures, so as to ensure an adequate local supply, but that practice must invite the intervention of the Government sooner or later, and the wise policy would be for the Government to adopt some national system of control and distribution while the present difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies at cheap prices endures.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A matshed fire in the Hongkong Club Gardens caused damage estimated at $200.

The Regular Police subscriptions to the Glendenning fund total $1,426.65. This includes $100 from Mr. Ho Kom Tong and from a few friends of the late Sergeant.

Mr. H. Cadman, formerly manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation at Amoy, has been in the Millbank Hospital, London, having met with a flying accident. He is now a 2nd Lieut. in the R.A.F.

A Chinaman named Wong Shi, aged 35 years, residing at Lower Rutter Street, was found hanging from a tree in Blake Gardens by the Police. The man was dead and the body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

Mr. H. W. Bird, who is standing for the vacancy on the Legislative Council caused by the temporary absence of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. has been nominated by the Hon Mr. D. Landale, and seconded by Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E.

The handsome sum of $459 has been received by the Hon. Treasurer, War Charities, for the credit of the British Red Cross from Mr. C. J. Hammes: proceeds of the Baseball Game promoted by the American Community for the benefit of the American and British Red Cross Organizations on August 14th.

The following cablegram was received in Shanghai last week from the Secretary of the War Office, London: "Captain L. G. M. Kidd, 6th East Kent Regt., admitted 10th Red Cross Hospital Letreport, 11th August, slight gunshot wound right forearm." Capt. Kidd, who was a member of the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., was wounded in France in October, 1916.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN HONGKONG.

The Return of the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the Colony of Hongkong during the week ended the 17th inst., shows:—

	Cases.	Deaths.
Bubonic Plague,	4	2
Enteric Fever,	3	2
Puerperal Fever,	2	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever,	2	2

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 17th August is as follows:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 33 weeks.
	$	$
This year	13,[illegible]	[illegible]
Last year	12,744	443,015
Increase	[illegible]	[illegible]
Decrease	709	6,512

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The community is rather puzzled over the competition for the honour of representing the Justices of the Peace on the Legislative Council for the brief space of two months, during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Pollock K.C. No fewer than six candidates are spoken of—Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, H. W. Bird, F. B. L. Bowley, F. C. Jenkin, A. O. Lang and A. R. Lowe. Nominations have to be handed in by the 22nd inst. There is an impression abroad that this is a lawyer's seat, but lawyers have no prescriptive title to the seat. It is an election by the Unofficial Justices of the Peace of a Justice of the Peace as their representative on the Council, and the Justices of the Peace comprise men of all vocations.

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The important business in sight at the Council Chamber in the next two months is the Annual Estimates, and the candidate who is best qualified by local knowledge and experience to discuss them is, obviously, the man needed. Whether the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, the Representative of the Chamber of Commerce, who is now in the United States, will be back in time for the Budget debate I do not know; but in any case, it is desireable that the Unofficial representation on the Council at all times should be fully maintained.

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A reader forwards a cutting from an Indian paper relating to a Bill which has been introduced in the Legislative Council of the Bombay Presidency in which powers are taken to appoint a Rent Controller. It is observed by the writer of the article that "the movement for the control of house rents has now taken root at Singapore in the east and Bombay in the west. Will Calcutta come ultimately within its influence, or will the real property owners of Calcutta have sufficient commonsense to spare the the life of the already much provoked goose which lays their golden eggs?" What our Hongkong friend wants to know is "When will a Rent Controller be appointed for Hongkong?" Echo answers: When? But here is a chance for the new M.L.C. to make a name for himself in the annals of our Colonial Legislation!

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The British Foreign Office has been a long time making up its mind to oust the enemy from the Shameen. Questions have been asked in Parliament on the subject on several occasions since the war began—notably by Mr. Gershom Stewart, but the replies given on behalf of the Government have usually hinted at legal difficulties. The decision to cancel the German leases on the Shameen which Mr. Balfour recently announced shows that these legal difficulties had no substantial existence. Presumably "the twelve enemy subjects" mentioned in Mr. Balfour's more recent statement in Parliament as having been allowed to remain in Shameen under police supervision, will no longer have any excuse for remaining when the leases are cancelled.

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The weather is a constant topic of remark. The proverbial oldest inhabitant cannot remember so cool a summer—nor one so wet. We have had already nearly an average year's rainfall, and if in the next six weeks we get anything like the quantity of rain that usually falls at this time of the year our total for the year will be well above the average. There is no danger of a shortage of water next year even if the rains are delayed as they were this year. Even the new reservoir at Tytam Tuk is overflowing.

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Among "Situations Vacant" advertised in a recent London paper the following appears:—

"Wanted, for Gentleman's house, Chinese cook and butler. Where should advertiser apply? Information desired."

It is, I suppose, the sigh of an old Eastern resident, for relief from the worries and vexations which the war has brought to the average household in England. Mary is no longer content to slave in the kitchen for £30 a year when opportunities offer of earning as much in a month in the munition factories "and every evening out." So far, the Chinese in England have restricted their activities to the laundry; there are probably very few who are employed to do English cooking, even in Limehouse or the dock quarters of Liverpool. There are, doubtless, in these times, many old residents in the Far East now at home who would be glad to have Chinese cooks and butlers. But would never do for this to become common in England. Think of the rude shock it would give to Robert the place man, a New Chinatown established among the potentialities of Kensington or Mayfair.

THE MAGISTRACY.

INTERESTING OPIUM CHARGE.

In Mr. Wolfe's Court this morning two Chinese were charged, on remand, with being in possession of 300 taels of opium on board the steamship *Yu On* on the 10th, and the owner of the steamship was also summoned for allowing the vessel to be used for the carriage and conveyance of opium.

Mr. E. J. Grist appeared for the defendants and Mr. D. W. Tratman, of the Import and Export Department, prosecuted.

A Chinese detective said that he went on board the vessel and going down the hold saw the first defendant asleep on his bed. On removing the plank which covered the shaft chambers at the bottom of the floor, he found three parcels wrapped up in rattan. He asked first defendant what they were and was told that they contained opium. After he came on deck another ferry launch came alongside and the passengers of the ferry launch were landed and the passengers of the *Yu On* launch were then transferred, to the other launch. No. 1, told the coxswain to take the launch to the Harbour Office. On arrival at the Harbour Office the No. 1 told witness to send a message to the Chief Revenue Officer and the No. 1 informed the Revenue Officer that opium had been found. The first defendant claimed the opium as his, which he said weighed 150 taels.

Mr. Tratman here informed his worship that the opium turned out to be 300 taels.

Mr. Grist: When you first saw the first defendant he was sitting in the hold?—I did not see him until I actually went into the hold.

When you got on board the launch was the hatch on top of the hold?—Yes.

Did you commence your duties of searching immediately you got on board?—I asked the coxswain first.

Did you notice whether the first defendant was there when you were speaking to the coxswain?—He may have been there. I did not pay attention.

The Magistrate: Are you prepared to say definitely that he was not there, or that you did not see him or that he may have been there?—I suppose he was in the hold.

The Magistrate: Are you prepared to say he was not there?—He must have been in the hold.

Mr. Grist: I do not want to know whether he was in the hold. Was he with the coxswain? He is prepared to swear that he was there and there are witnesses to prove that he was there.

The Magistrate: Are you prepared to swear that he was there or not? Are you sure he was there?—He must have been in the hold.

Mr. Grist said that as witness was hedging he would not carry it further.

Continuing, witness said he removed the cover of the hatch before going into the hold. It had only one removable piece of wood.

Mr. Grist maintained that there were three pieces of removable wood, which Mr. Tratman contradicted.

The coxswain was discharged and the case against the first defendant and the owner was adjourned till Thursday.

AN AMAH PROSECUTED.

A Chinese amah, employed by Mr. T. H. King (D.S.P.), was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with quitting service without notice.

Defendant said that on July 2nd she asked Mr. King for a week's leave to visit her father who was lying ill in the country. Leave was granted and she returned on July 9th. She was then informed by a servant that her services were no longer required.

Mr. King said that defendant was engaged by him on June 15th as No. 2 amah. On July 2nd she received her salary and afterwards told witness she had got a message to the effect that her father or some other relation was ill in the country and therefore she asked for leave. He granted her request and also gave her a week's extra leave, but when it expired she did not return. The next he heard of her was that she was working in another house in Kowloon. A few day's later his No. 1 amah informed him that some of her jewellery was missing. Being suspicious, witness got a search warrant and searched defendant's box but did not find anything. The reason why he had suspected her was the extraordinary fact that she left a $14 job to take up one for $10.

Mr. Wood fined defendant $14 or 14 days' rigorous imprisonment.

A TRESPASS CHARGE.

A Chinese woman pleaded guilty when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, with trespassing into the servants' quarters of the residence of Mr. Fred Ellis, of 23 Bellios Terrace.

Mr. Ellis said that the woman had been previously warned but persisted in coming to the servants' quarters. On the night she was arrested she was found sleeping there.

Mr. Wood fined her $2.

MOTOR-CAR OWNERS AND CHAUFFEURS PROSECUTED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon several motor-car owners and chauffeurs were charged with driving their cars without having their identification numbers at the rear of the cars illuminated.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin prosecuted.

In the case against Mr. Monteith Webb, a plea of not guilty was made.

Sergeant Bulloch said on July 27th at 9.10 p.m. he was on duty at Lower Albert Road. He noticed the car and stopped it on instructions. Mr. Webb, who was driving the car at the time, alighted and examined it with witness. The light was quite good but the figures on the plate appeared to be placed at an angle, so that the light could not shine on it. It played dimly over the whole plate and not brightly. He stood about three yards behind the car and could read the numbers faintly.

Mr. Webb said it was impossible on that occasion for the number plate to have been turned. He admitted that the "1" was not quite so distinct as it might have been but "3" and "6" were clear. He stepped out about three yards behind the car and could have read the numbers faintly.

Mr. Wood fined defendant $10.

Fines of $10 were imposed on the chauffeurs in all the other cases.

CRUELTY TO DUCKS AND FOWLS.

A Chinese was summoned for cruelty to ducks.

Sergeant Pitt said that defendant's fokis were carrying two crates of ducks, one of which was lined with matting, while the other was not, with the result that the feet of the ducks were protruding through the squares in the crate, causing unnecessary suffering.

Defendant denied the charge.

Mr. Wood fined him $20.

Another Chinese, who pleaded guilty to a charge of being cruel to fowls, was also fined $20.

KIDNAPPING A LITTLE CHILD.

A Chinese was charged with kidnapping a little boy from the custody of his parents, who are residing in Canton.

Inspector Brown said that on the 17th when a boat arrived in Hongkong from Canton P.S. 73, who was on duty at the wharf, was called by one of the compradore's staff who informed him that he suspected defendant had kidnapped from Canton a little boy who had been crying all the way. Defendant had tied him to the rails of the steamer. The boy was released and the defendant taken to the Police Station. The boy's mother lived at Canton, while his father was a rickshaw coolie in Hongkong.

The Inspector on instructions from the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, asked for a week's remand.

Mr. Wood complied.

KING'S 4/3 SUIT.

STANDARD CLOTHES AT THIRD BELOW PRESENT PRICES.

So far about £15,000,000 has been provided for the manufacture of standard suits and other civilian clothes. It is estimated that the buyer will save about one-third. No public money is involved, the whole of the scheme being financed by the woollen trade.

According to the grade of the cloth the following are the fixed prices:—

	Suits. 1st Grade.	Suits. 2nd Grade.	Overcoats.
Men's	£4 4 0	£2 15 0	£2 2 0
Youths'	£3 0 0	£2 10 0	£1 15 0
Boys'	£2 5 0	£2 0 0	£1 5 0

Special suits for [illegible] to be issued to discharged soldiers. Cheap hosiery and other textile goods are to be made in standard dresses for women.

Mr. Albert Illingworth, the Postmaster-General, recently opened an exhibition of standard clothes in Bradford. One of the exhibits was the cloth selected by the King for a suit during his recent Yorkshire tour. It is priced at £2 17s. 6d.

About 70 per cent. of the total wool now consumed, said Mr. Illingworth, was for official purposes, and in addition we had to provide cloth for our Allies, including the American. Fixing prices was a sound war policy.

"Perhaps some of us are old enough to have forgotten the way in which our skins were occasionally dealt with in kindness when we were at school."—The Bishop of Birmingham.

The only way in which we can breed future Archbishops of Canterbury out of Whitechapel is by sending East end boys as boarders to public schools."—Canon Swallow.

TEETHING CHILDREN.

TEETHING children are more often troubled by Cholera Infantum, Diarrhœa, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy than at any other time. All that is necessary is to give the remedy freely after the operation of which is to cleanse the system. It is safe and sure. Even the most severe and dangerous cases are speedily cured by its use. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT'S NEW POST.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Aug. 19.

Sir Charles Eliot has been appointed High Commissioner and Plenipotentiary to Siberia at Vladivostock.

Sir Charles Eliot, who has been Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong since its foundation, has had previous diplomatic experience. He was third Secretary to the Embassy at Petrograd in 1888-1892; Charge d'Affaires, Morocco, 1892-1893; Bulgaria, 1895; Serbia, 1897; Secretary to the British Embassy at Washington, 1898; British High Commissioner, Samoa, 1899; His Majesty's Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for the British East Africa Protectorate and Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar, 1900-1904.]

THE METROPOLITAN FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF HONGKONG'S GIFTS.

The following is a translation of a letter addressed by the Wai Chiao Pu to His Majesty's Minister regarding the contribution made by the Colony of Hongkong to the Metropolitan Flood Relief and Conservancy Bureau for relief work in the Province of Chihli:—

Wai Chiao Pu to H.M. Minister.

Peking, 19th July, 1918.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the following letter has been received from Mr. Hsiung, Director-General of the Metropolitan Flood Relief and Conservancy Bureau:—

"Some time since I received a communication from the Wai Chiao Pu forwarding a sum of One hundred thousand Hongkong Dollars, which changed into Peking currency for $94,786.73, being a contribution to the Flood Relief Fund remitted by H.E. the Governor of Hongkong. I also received from the Peking Flood Relief Association a further contribution from Sir Henry May of fifty thousand Hongkong dollars, which exchanged for Peking dollars 47,500, and was likewise for distribution for relief work in Chihli.

"At a time when the war in Europe is at its bitterest the collection of subscriptions is no easy matter, and Sir Henry May's public-spirited and warm-hearted generosity merits deep respect. This office has received from H.E. the President a specially-made silver tripod and has itself prepared a gift in the name of the Chairman of the Peking Flood Relief Association, of a silver cup as a memento, and I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to entrust these articles to be transmitted to Sir Henry May in commemoration of his generous action.

I have the honour accordingly to forward herewith the silver tripod and cup and to request that Your Excellency will be so kind as to transmit the same to H.E. the Governor of Hongkong.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) CH'EN LU,
for the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The gifts referred to may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

THE COLONY'S GIFT FOR WAR PURPOSES.

The following telegrams to and from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to a further gift of £300,000 to His Majesty's Government for the purposes of the war have been forwarded by the Colonial Secretary for publication:—

Translation of Code Telegram, from Governor, Hongkong, to Secretary of State, London; dated 6th August, 1918:—

Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council unanimously desire that the Colony of Hongkong should make a further gift of £300,000, towards the general expenses of the war.—MAY.

Translation of Code Telegram, from Secretary of State, London, to Governor, Hongkong; date 7th August, 1918:—

Your telegram August 6th. His Majesty's Government gratefully accept further generous gift towards war expenditure and convey their cordial thanks to Unofficial Council.—LONG.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE BATTLE FRONT.

ONLY ARTILLERY FIRING.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

A French communiqué states:—

There was artillery firing on the Avre, and also between the Oise and the Aisne. Enemy raids in Champagne completely failed.

Lt. [illegible] brought down three aeroplanes on August 14, making his sixtieth.

METHODICAL PRESSURE OF ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY'S DEFENCE COLLAPSING.

PARIS, Aug. 18.

A Havas Agency message says:—

Under the continued methodical pressure of the French and British forces between the Somme and the Oise the enemy's defence of his vitally important battle line centres is gradually collapsing and the progress made yesterday is regarded as making it imperative that the Germans effect a quick retreat to escape disaster.

Chaulnes and Roye are outflanked north and south, while the Germans' last hopes of being able to cling to Lassigny have been shattered by the capture of Canny-sur-Matz and the further progress by General Humbert's troops on the northern slopes of the all-important Lassigny ridge.

The success of the French troops in the Autriches region gives them views over a vast area south and east of Noyon.

More than 1,000 prisoners were taken by the Allied troops in the fighting north and south of the Avre in 24 hours.

ALLIES CLOSING ON ROYE.

GUERILLA WARFARE ON THE ANCRE.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on the 18th, says:—

Severe patrol fighting between Chaulnes and Roye has occurred during the past twenty-four hours. The Allies are gradually closing in on Roye. The French are within a few hundred yards of the railway station south of the town.

The Germans have made no heavy counter-attacks since Thursday and their heavy artillery firing has diminished suggesting the withdrawing of heavy guns.

An enemy attempt to drive the Canadians out from Damery was made by five battalions.

Local guerilla fighting continues north of the Ancre.

Our patrols are steadily advancing in the region of Hazebrouck, where the enemy is very vigilant with considerable artillery activity. It is at present uncertain if this is merely a diversion.

FRENCH HONOUR SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

President Poincaré visited Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and conferred the Military Medal upon him.

BRITISH CAPTURE QULTERSTEEN.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

The British this morning attacked the Fourth Saxon Division holding Qulterstеen and captured the village and also the ridge.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

STRONG ENEMY ATTACK FAILS.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

An Italian official message says:—

A strong enemy encircling attack, attempting to retake the islet to the south-west of Grave-di-Papadopli, failed with heavy losses.

AUSTRIA AND THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS.

AUSTRIA TO TREAT THEM AS TRAITORS.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 18.

An official message from Vienna repudiates the British recognition of the Czecho-Slovaks and declares that despite it, members of the Czecho-Slovak army will be regarded and treated as traitors.

PRINCE RUPPRECHT AT MUNICH.

A SIGNIFICANT REPORT.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 18.

The *Berliner Tageblatt's* Munich Correspondent states that Crown Prince Rupprecht has arrived in Munich from the front for a short stay.

The foregoing announcement may be significant in view of the fact that Prince Rupprecht's command was recently cut down when his armies on the Somme front were transferred to a new group commanded by General von Boehm, who is described in Paris as "an expert in retreat."

SUPPLIED BY ALL CHEMISTS.

PHYSICIANS prescribed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhœa Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years, and no home is complete without it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET MEETINGS.

APPROVE OF GREAT WAR COUNCIL.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

The Press Bureau states:—

During the past 21 months the Imperial War Cabinet has been in continuous session. Every aspect of policy affecting the conduct of the war and the question of peace has been examined by the Prime Ministers of the Empire and other members representative of all its parts. These meetings have proved of such value that the Imperial War Cabinet thought it essential that certain modifications should be effected in the existing channels of communication, so as to make consultation between the various Governments of the Empire, regarding Imperial policy, as continuous and intimate as possible.

It was, therefore, decided that for the future the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, as members of the Imperial War Cabinet, shall have the right to communicate on matters of Cabinet importance direct with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom whenever they see fit.

It was also decided that each Dominion shall have the right to nominate a visiting or resident Minister in London to be a member of the Imperial War Cabinet at meetings other than those attended by the Prime Ministers; these meetings to be held at regular intervals and arrangements to be made for the representation of India at them.

KRONSTADT REPORTED TAKEN BY GERMANS.

PARIS, Aug. 14.

A message from Stockholm states that it is rumoured in Finland that the Germans have seized Kronstadt.

TRADE BETWEEN AMERICA AND DUTCH INDIES.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 18.

A telegram from Washington records an arrangement whereby trade between the United States and the Dutch East Indies will be fostered, particularly sugar, of which the American War Board will take two million tons of the 1918 crop.

It is understood that 40 Dutch steamers, at present idle in Dutch East Indian ports, will be utilised to transport the sugar, also tobacco, rubber, copra, coffee, tin and quinine to America.

THE RICE RIOTS IN JAPAN.

MOST SERIOUS IN JAPANESE HISTORY.

OSAKA, Aug. 14.

The rice riots are developing into the most serious in the history of Japan. Troops have been called out in nearly every important city and at several places have been compelled to fire on the mob.

A message from Tokio says the Police are strongly guarding bridges and parks, also the residences of the Ministers.

It is considered that the high prices of rice are only a pretext for venting popular antipathy towards war profiteers.

TRAM AND BUS STRIKE AT HOME.

LONDON, Aug. 18.

A mass meeting of tram and bus strikers held in London this evening passed a resolution calling out all members of the Vehicle Workers' Union in both London and the provinces to-morrow.

SIKH WAR-WOUNDED SOLDIERS' FUND.

The Hon. Secretary of the Sikh Temple very gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions towards this Fund:—

Brought Forward.....	$527.50
Mr. Mota Singh.....	30.00
„ Kishen Singh, Cement Factory	25.00
„ Bishan Singh, Messrs. Noronha, Printers	15.00
„ Santa Singh, Queen's Building	10.00
„ Sorain Singh, Telegraph Co.	10.00
„ Sorain Singh, A. S. Watson's Warehouse..	10.00
„ Sarwan Singh, ex *Fatihan*	6.00
„ Sher Singh, Salt Fish Lane	6.00
„ Bhan Singh, Lai Chi Kwok	5.00
„ Khém Singh, China Sugar Refinery	5.00
„ Dial Singh, Soap Factory	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Badan Singh	3.00
Subedar Pala Singh, Punjabi	2.00
Mr. Gujar Singh, Rope Works	2.00
„ Dhian Singh, Queen's Building	2.00
„ Magh Singh, Station Hotel, Kowloon.....	2.00
„ Mehar Singh, Police Sergt.	2.00
„ Boota Singh	1.00
„ Din Singh.....	1.00
„ Teja Sihgh, P.C. 32.....	1.00
„ Baj Singh, do. 342	1.00
„ Jewa Singh	1.00
„ Ojagar Singh, Watson's...	1.00
„ Channan Singh, Sergt.	1.00
„ Mit Singh, Pokfulam	1.00
„ Sunder Singh.....	1.00
„ Gajan Singh.....	1.00
„ Midhan Singh.....	1.00
„ Odhar Singh.....	1.00
„ Dhir Singh, Gas Co.....	1.00
„ Chet Singh, Palace Hotel	1.00
„ Sunder Singh, P. & O. Co.	1.00
„ Chet Singh, Kowloon Dock	1.00
„ Buddh Singh, [illegible]	1.00
Total	$659.50

THE SITUATION IN SIBERIA.

GERMAN MAILED FIST.

TOKIO, Aug. 13.

The Czechs in the Maritime Province left for Harbin on the 8th travelling over the Chinese-Eastern Railway.

The Ussuri front is quiet. The enemy on this front is 100,000 strong. All men between 19 and 45 years of age were conscripted last month and are now under the command of Austrians and Germans. The majority of the newly enlisted men joined the Red Guards out of fear of a recurrence of the Revolution. The Austrians and Germans are unpopular with the inhabitants of the region and are obliged to assume false names.

The Cossacks near Alexieff in the Amur Province are confident of the ultimate victory of the Allies and are showing sympathy with the Horvath Government.

The Bolsheviks, Austrians and Germans have been visibly affected by the despatch of Allied troops to Siberia and deserters are increasing, despite their efforts. The Cossacks of the Zabaikal are also deserting on the pretext that it is necessary for them to reap the harvest and it is believed that those who are prepared to resist the Allies may be limited to Austrians and Germans, convicts and unruly labourers.

The Siberian Government at Tomsk is gradually growing in strength owing to the assistance of the Czechs. The report of the despatch of Allied troops to Siberia is welcomed by the residents there. The telegraph between Irkutsk and Tomsk, which was restored by the Czechs, continues to be frequently cut by the Bolsheviks.

WANTED MORE NEWS OF BRITISH EFFORT.

One of the reasons why the British effort in the war is inadequately appreciated in Allied countries is owing to our official reticence, says a London contemporary. A great deal of our record can be given to the public which conveys nothing whatever to the enemy except information of an unpalatable kind. For instance, during the three and a half years of war the Admiralty has carried over 17,000,000 passengers by military transport backwards and forwards to the various theatres of war. The number of animals conveyed exceeds 2,000,000; the number of vehicles over 4,0,000, and the tonnage of stores, &c., exceeds 37,000,000.

The assistance given to our Allies represented in these figures should also be stated publicly, and continually brought up to date. It is interesting to know, for instance, that the Admiralty has carried nearly a million tons of stores for the Italian Government, and also about three and a half million tons of coal for Italy in requisitioned steamers.

"KILLED IN ACTION."

The Times Obituary Column of men "Killed in Action" is a deeply interesting study in these days, when the surviving friends of brave men take pleasure in appending notices and other words of loving appreciation to the customary "In Memoriam" details. While poets, major and minor, are laid under tribute in many cases, it is noteworthy that some singularly appropriate excerpts are quoted from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," especially the second part. A recent notice gave the following from the parting words of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth:—

Then, said he, I am going to my fathers, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me, that I fought His battles, who now will be my Rewarder.

So he passed over. And all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

THE BILLING TRIAL.

With reference to the Billing trial, a correspondent writes to *Truth*:—

—What puzzles a layman like myself is prosecuting counsel's lack of curiosity as to the size and weight of the 'Black Book' which Captain Spencer (one of Pemberton-Billing's witnesses) carried in his pocket and Mr. Neil Primrose took out with him to afternoon tea? That excellent volume 'Who's Who' contains (I believe) some 20,000 names in the smallest and closest print. It weighs about 4 lbs. and measures 150 cubic inches. Now the 'Black Book' has 45,000 (or 53,000) entries, which were typewritten, I suppose on one side only of the paper, and the particulars were presumably as expansive as those of 'Who's Who.' It would seem, therefore, that a volume of the Encyclopædia Britannica would be a mere duodecimo compared with the 'Black Book,' and Captain Spencer might have been invited to show the pocket in which he carried it, since the book itself was not available. The military tailor who made the pocket deserves the O.B.E."

To describe the peculiar quality of mind and speech of the new cult of muck-raking, the term is proposed of Pemberton-Billingsgate.

The Daily Chronicle has made the remarkable disclosure that the wife of Mr. Pemberton Billing, M.P., is a German, being the daughter of an [illegible] named Theodore Schweitzer. Her mother was also born in Germany, Mrs. Billing's grandmother being Frau Schmidt. Though the facts are based on the parents' marriage certificate Mrs. Billing affirms that her father was Swiss and her mother Irish.

A soldier's story.—They had marched nearly twenty-six kilometres in heavy marching order coming down from the lines to rest billets near the hut. "It was hot, and dry, and dusty, and I was before the war, George!" said one soldier suddenly. And George huskily replied: "Aye!"

F.M.S. TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. E. Burnside, Acting Commissioner, states in his annual report:—

The import and export trade of the Federated Malay States continued to show remarkable progress in value notwithstanding the effects of the war, and it would seem that commerce has had greater gains than losses. From the statement of the most important articles of imports, comprising 45 items, it will be seen that there was a falling off of supplies in 29 items. With the vital matter of tonnage increasing difficulties with manufacturers abroad, plus the damages and wastages of the war, it behoves the country to face the threatening scarcity and dearness of staple articles of food by becoming more self-supporting. The dwindling imports from the United Kingdom, which in 1914 was 21.02 per cent., has fallen to 9.73 per cent. and in the main this has been taken up by Japan, Australia, and the United States of America.

Turning to the export trade, it will be noted that the total value is $272,064,665, tin and tin ore taking up $73,028,495. Other exports are comparatively insignificant, copra heading the list with a value of $2,506,129. In the statement of quantities of the most important articles exported, comprising 22 items, there were increases in 10 and decreases in 12 items.

The most noticeable falling off was in tin and tin-ore, padi, and rice. The shortage in the output of the metal has been continuous since 1914 and is attributed to the want of fresh capital to develop new propositions, the increased cost of mining material, and the difficulty in obtaining requisite machinery. It is also stated that the decreased production is due to the stringent Government regulations in regard to tailing deposits and the sitting up the rivers, which in many cases meant the closing down of small and not over-prosperous mining concessions as the consequent increased capital outlay did not warrant the working of their properties. It is also to be noted that the mining labour force shows a reduction from 171,689 in 1914 to 121,623 in 1917.

There was a slight modification in the compilation of the trade returns from the second quarter by the elimination of the countries of origin and destination and the amalgamation of the separate returns for each State into one return.

OFFICIAL SALARIES IN THE MALAY STATES.

"Auspicium Melior" is Anxious writes to the *Malay Mail*:—

I have read Mr. Kenion's speech in your issue of April 11 and 18 with much interest, and he deserves the thanks of any member of the Civil Service for the way in which he put forward the claim of the Civil Servant for a living wage. I have met both in France and this country during the war many Civil Servants from the F.M.S. and have asked them all the same question:—"If you are on the plate at the end of the war are you going back?" The reply invariably has been: "Not to the Civil Service. I can't afford to, if I can get another job."

Take my own case with a non-Cadet billet in the Civil Service with no prospects and a miserable £500 a year. I am now married and I cannot afford to go back to £500 a year in the F.M.S. I get £650 as a Staff Officer now and, if I'm worth it here in the time of a great national emergency, surely I am worth more than £500 in peace time. I note that the High Commissioner said that he was going to meet a deputation of the Cadet Service on the subject of salaries. What about the non Cadet Service? Are they not to be considered?

I see Mr. Stubbs referred to in your report. If Mr. Stubbs had been told to find for himself and furnish a bungalow, engage servants and make his own arrangements about food his ideas would have been different. As it was he had a d—d good time at our expense and naturally thought with Paget, M.P., that we were "Bloated Brahmins" with princely pay. I would not swop the F.M.S. for any country, but I am afraid I shall have to, simply because I value the worth of my brains and the best years of my life at rather over £500 a year.

If one had the chance of getting on by merit alone and if any decent jobs were about to look forward to it would be different, but, as it is, seniority, that curse of the Civil Service, is the only way to get on and brains or no brains, seniority eventually gets you to an ill-paid billet at the age of 45 or 50.

Let everyone, Cadet or non-Cadet, have a chance and his promotion being selection as in the Army at present, and the F.M.S. Government will be no loser if it will only pay a living wage. If it won't, it has seen the last of 75 per cent. of the Civil Servants who have been released for the war.

GOLD IN NORTH BORNEO.

From the *British North Borneo Herald*: The Golf Course is deservedly popular and almost every morning early parties of enthusiasts may be seen going out there in their motor cars. At present six holes only are playable, but these are most sporting and very enjoyable rounds can be played. The playing fairways, however, warned that the use of footing balls is still practically indispensable.

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SEQUEL TO MORRISON HILL COLLAPSE.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, in his capacity as Coroner, continued the inquest into the deaths of four adults as a result of the collapse of the houses No. 14, 16, 18 and 20, Morrison Hill Road.

The following jury were empanelled:—Messrs. A. Rothergill (foreman), [illegible] Benjamin and [illegible] Xavier.

Choy In Chin, a girl of 18, said on the day of the collapse she was preparing a meal in the kitchen. When her mother, who was standing outside the door, shouted out that some rocks had fallen and witness going out to see, saw some [illegible] coming down behind the houses. Witness ran. A boulder pushed her. Water fell on her. She pushed open the door and looked back at the house intending to go back and find her mother. The only thing she saw was a heap of debris.

Mr. Wright, of the Public Works Department, was recalled.

The Foreman read certain correspondence that passed between the owners of premises in the vicinity and the Government on the dangers of landslides in 1905, and asked Mr. Wright whether any other reports or letters similar to those read in Court were on record.

Mr. Wright said he knew of two cases where correspondence had taken place. He mentioned two yesterday. They were two separate cases, and in each case the owner of the premises wrote to the Government about the dangers of slips, and in each case the Government accepted no responsibility, but promised that every facility would be given to the owners to make the buildings safer. He might say that he had never heard of the correspondence which the foreman had read.

The Foreman: Have any real steps been taken to secure these houses from falling boulders or landslips—I mean secure the houses from further slips and secure the houses at the base of the hills?

Mr. Wright: I cannot give a definite answer. To the best of my knowledge nothing has been done. The inquiry is proceeding.

£250,000,000 FOR MOTHERHOOD?

Miss Maude Royden explained lately a scheme for the endowment of motherhood, which would cost £250,000,000 a year, at a meeting of the National Birth Rate Commission. The separation allowance now paid to wives of members of his Majesty's Forces for themselves and their children, she said, should be extended after the war to all mothers of young children. It should not be administered through the Poor Law or any charitable society but should be recognised by the State.

10/- weekly allowance to mothers and children—the mothers pay to stop when the children went to school, and the children's allowance to be paid until they left school—would cost 250 million pounds yearly on the present birth rate.

MOST OVER-EMPLOYED PHRASE OF WAR.

At a London club of writing men—chiefly from Fleet-street—there was an informal debate one night as to which is the most over-employed phrase of the war. Thirteen members took part in the argument, and on the question being put to a vote, it was found that twelve were of opinion that without doubt the most overworked phrase was: "When the history of this war comes to be written." "Camouflage," though a serviceable addition to the language, is also a word that has been terribly overworked of late. *Punch* prints a timely protest against its use except as a military term, and then points the moral by thrice admitting "camouflage" as a civilian to its columns, the editor leading the way.

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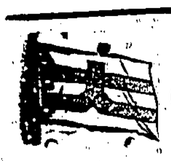
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Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1917. 2718

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM CALCUTTA & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "VAN WAERWIJCK," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 23rd August, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 22nd August, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1918. 677

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The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

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Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on 24th August, 1918, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 27th August, 1918, at 10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after the 4th September, 1918.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1918. 678

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "SELUN," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of August, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd of August, at 10 A.M.

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NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, June 21.

CRISIS.

At the time of writing everyone admits that the times are graver than at any hour in living memory, yet there is profound confidence in our Army and Navy and those of our Allies. Germany has been working ceaselessly in the last month or two to detach the Allies from each other, but so far no success has rewarded her indefatigable emissaries. It appears that Germany would fain make peace with the Allies separately, but not together, for she fears the terms if the peace is achieved by the latter method, whereas if she can detach some others as she detached Russia she hopes to recoup herself from the remaining adversaries. Officers captured of late declare that the Germans do not now believe they can achieve ultimate success against England and America, but they hope to bring down Italy and France, or at least one of them.

Ere long, however, some singularly unpalatable surprises may have burst upon the arrogant Huns in more than one quarter of the world. More than that I cannot state at this moment.

Travellers assure me that while the Germans have been hammering away with their artillery less than forty miles away from Paris the Parisians have been pursuing their avocations with remarkable calm, except the few "useless mouths" who took themselves off to safety further south. It is an ordeal and testing time to which we hope and believe Londoners will never be subjected.

THE O.B.E.'S.

The seven or eight thousand members of the Order of the British Empire are not a little embarrassed by the number of their kind. The matter has become food for the joker and satirist, yet it must be admitted that the majority of the recipients have done real service for their country in this time of trial. Others, of course, are merely included because they have been on the staff of this or that great man. In at least a few cases that have come to my notice there has been irritation because names were inserted in the advance sheets of the Order that were eliminated before the final *Gazette* was issued. But the papers in some cases copied the advance sheets and failed to follow the final list, with the result that the owners of the eliminated names have been unmercifully chaffed about their non-inclusion.

SHIPPING RUMOURS.

It is reported that a deal is in progress between a London shipping magnate and the Morgan Combine for the acquisition of the shareholdings in the British companies in that concern. The name of Sir Owen Phillips has been freely mentioned as the magnate in question. If that is accurate and the deal matures (with the inclusion of the White Star line) he will easily be the controller of the greatest combination of shipping interests in the world. Many shipping combinations are also spoken of, but the only definite moves have been the acquisition by the Furness-Withy Line of the Tyne, Tees Line and the heavy purchase by or on behalf of the Furness-Withy interests of all the available shares in the Prince Line.

A SAILOR-PEER.

Among the naval promotions none has excited greater interest than that of Lord Vernon to be a Lieut.-Commander in the Navy. He is still in his twenties and is the lord of many manors whose tenantry have a high regard for him and his charming wife. He was a Navy Lieutenant, the Hon. F. W. Venables-Vernon, when he succeeded his brother, the eighth baron, on the latter's death on active service in 1915. He owns about 10,000 acres in Derbyshire and Cheshire and his seats at Sudbury Hall, Derby, and Poynton Towers, near Stockport, are renowned for other wood carvings. One of his first actions as a peer was to advance considerable sums to his workmen who wished to invest in war securities. He takes a sailor's pride in his family connections with the Howards of Effingham, descendants of the famous Admiral who vanquished the Spanish Armada. His ancestor was Richard de Vernon, who came over with the Conqueror. Dorothy Vernon, famous in song and story, was the daughter of another ancestor.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales has proved so popular in Italy that there are demands for him to visit other countries in the national interest. Some want him to go to America and some to Greece. He himself is probably happier close to the guns. An officer just home from Italy says the Prince spends every spare moment in sport. His favourite method of getting about is on his motor-cycle, but though he is a fine rider he is never foolhardy. Some time ago he was urging his parents to allow him to enter the Air Service, but to that it was natural that they raised objections. A hobby of his is the collection of some of the very quaint letters sent by the wives of soldiers to their husbands' commanding officers. These he intends to have bound. Combined with a sense of humour he has a good deal of sentiment and his interest in the graves of dead soldiers appeals strongly to the Italians and French. One who knows him well assures me that he has a mind of his own, holds original views, and his simplicity of taste is genuine. He is, in short, singularly attuned to the growing democratic sentiment of the time.

CHINESE IN LONDON.

The domestic labour question has become so acute that advertisements are appearing with greater frequency for Chinese or Japanese house boys, and I am told that most of these demands are being met by applicants from ships who are no longer anxious to act as stewards until the war is over, having been torpedoed more than once already.

The restaurants are also drawing upon the same supplies. I was dining the other day in a Fleet Street restaurant when three Chinese emerged from the kitchen quarters, their smiles denoting peace with all the world. On making inquiries I found that several other establishments have installed them, to their mutual satisfaction. One famous luncheon house employs a dozen of them upstairs and in the kitchen. "They have been here three months," said the manager. "They understand English well though they speak it very little. I have found that my Chinese waiters instinctively know the little foibles of the customers who come here—men and women of the saloon passenger type—and this gives great satisfaction to my patrons. That one there is a Cantonese of the best type. He has married an English girl and settled in England. He is cheerful, willing, and perfectly honest and learns with astonishing quickness. My *chef* is another of the same kind and has picked up in a few weeks all he needs to know. I am quite delighted with my experiment."

WORK AND MOTHERHOOD.

There is a sharp controversy raging among women chiefly as to whether the hard work women are doing now will not tell adversely on the motherhood of the race. Lady Cantlie, wife of Sir James, the Harley Street specialist who formerly resided in Hongkong, has taken the minority view that women will be physically benefitted by the new occupations. She contends that with training a woman can make her muscles just as strong as a man's. "In China," she says, "I once saw a woman carry 27 bricks on each side of a bamboo pole. I saw no man carry a heavier load. In the East women do as laborious work as men." Lady Cantlie thinks that the greater activity and more outdoor existence of women will lead to the next generation being stronger and healthier.

Curiously enough, on questioning some of the omnibus conductresses, who have long hours and much straining work in climbing up and down stairs, I found that they were inclined to agree with Lady Cantlie. The weak ones, they say, speedily go out of the running. The strong ones survive and become stronger all the time.

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5.30 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons will parade as ordered by Platoon Commanders. T.E.T.

"B" Company.

TUESDAY, 20th instant:—
5.15 p.m. No. 5 Platoon at Cricket Club. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade.
5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon at Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade.
5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by Tram to Causeway Bay. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches and 15 rounds dummies.
THURSDAY, 22nd instant:—
5.30 p.m. No. 8 Platoon at Kowloon Docks. Instruction in T.E.T.
FRIDAY, 23rd instant:—
5.15 p.m. No. 5 Platoon at Cricket Club. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

TUESDAY, 20th instant:—
7.10 a.m.—No. 3 Gun—as above.
WEDNESDAY, 21st instant:—
4.20 p.m. Nos. 4 and 5 Guns—as above.

MOUNTED SECTION.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant:—
5.20 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

TUESDAY, 20th instant:—
5.15 p.m. Parade at Headquarters, T.E.T. Dress, drill order (rifle, belt, side-arms and pouches.)
Note.—There will be a voluntary lamp reading class at 7 p.m. every Friday until further notice. Mufti may be worn.

RECRUITS.

FRIDAY, 23rd inst:—
5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "D" Company on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergts. Edmonds (Monday) and Oxberry, (Friday). Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

STRENGTH.

Sergt. L. Jack joined H. M. Regular Forces.

PARADES.

SATURDAY, 24th inst:—
1.20 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Headquarters to proceed to Sai Wan.

NOTICE.

Annual Swimming Competition. This will be held at the V.R.C. Bath on Saturday, the 31st August commencing at 2.30 p.m. Members wishing to compete will hand in their names to their Section Commanders before Wednesday, 21st instant, who will give them all particulars.

G. E. STEWART,
Captain,
Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.



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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E.

COMMENDATION.

P.C. 181 Leung Chung Man, Ambulance Platoon, is commended by the C.S.P. for perseverance in attending the victim of an accident in the Harbour during the recent typhoon.

NO. 3 COMPANY.

Consequent on the re-arrangements necessitated by Search Supervision duties, this Company has been re-organised. The following postings are made:—
Insp. Mow Fung is appointed Platoon Commander in charge of No. 8 Platoon *vice* Inspector Tape.
Cr. Sergt. 41 Pun Yun Fong is posted to No. 13 Section.
Cr. Sergt. 42 Kwok Ying Kuen is posted to No. 14 Section.
Cr. Sergt. 59 Yeung Shuk Ting is posted to No. 15 Section.
Cr. Sergt. 58 Wong Tso Ting is posted to No. 16 Section.

NO. 2 COMPANY.

Patrolmen who have not received Warning Notices for period commencing August 22nd must report at once to the O. C. Company.

SEARCH SUPERVISORS.

No. 8 Platoon (Nos 15 and 16 Sections) of No. 3 Company is specially detailed for Search Supervisors duty until further orders.
Inspector Mow Fung will deal with all duty warnings, applications for leave, and disciplinary reports in connection with this platoon.
Cr. Sergt. 5 Chow U Ting is posted to No. 8 Platoon and will perform the duties of Assistant Warning Officer.

REVERSIONS AND PROMOTION.

Cr. Sergt. 50 Chan Sig U reverts to the rank of Sergeant at his own request.
Sergt. 58 Wong Tsi Ting is promoted Cr. Sergeant.
P.C. 92 Cheng So is promoted Sergeant.
P. 60 Yueng Hok Chau is promoted Sergeant.

August 20th, 1918.

WEATHER REPORT.

August 20d. 12h. 15m.—No returns from Japan and Wladivostock. Pressure has increased slightly at the majority of reporting stations; it is lowest over Tongking. Indications of a typhoon to the east of the Philippines are no longer present; if existent, it has probably curved to the north-eastward and is situated to the south of the Loochoo Is.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.14 inches, against an average of 61.52 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 21st August:—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: S.W. winds, moderate; cloudy generally, some rain.
2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, August 20, 1918.

On London—
Bank, Wire ... 3/5¼
On demand, ... 3/5⅜
30 days' sight ... 3/5½
4 months' sight, ... 3/6⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 3/6⅞
Documentary, 4 months' sight 3/7
On Paris—
On demand, ... 472
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 489
On New York—
On demand, ... 82⅝
Credits, 60 days' sight, ... —
On Bombay—
Wire, ... —
On demand, ... nom.
On Calcutta—
Wire, ... —
On demand ... nom.
On Singapore—
On demand, ... 149
On Manila—
On demand, ... 165½
On Shanghai—
On demand ... nom.
30 days' sight (private paper) —
On Yokohama—
On demand, ... 152
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 42.80
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) $5.70
Silver (per oz.) ... 48⅛d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 25 % prem.
Chinese Copper Cash ... 1 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents ... 2 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest ... 7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... 61% dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... par.

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Butcher Meat.

		Cts.
Beef Sirloin,—Mai Lung Pa	lb.	24
,, Prime Cut ...	,,	24
,, Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	,,	23
,, Roast,—Shin	,,	24
,, Breast,—Ngau Nam	,,	20
,, Soup,—Tong Yuk	,,	26
,, Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	,,	24
,, Steak Sirloin,—Ngau Lan	,,	30
,, Sausages,—Ngau Cheung No. 1	,,	26
Bullock's Brains,—Ngau No	per set	10
,, Tongue, fresh,—Ngau Li	each	50
,, Tongue, corned,—Ham Ngau Li	each	60 cents
,, Head,—Ngau Tau	each	100
,, Heart,—Ngau Sam	lb.	13
,, Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	,,	20
,, Feet,—Ngau Keuk	each	10
,, Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	,,	10
,, Tail,—Ngau Mei	,,	20
,, Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
,, Tripe (undressed), Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head and Feet,—Ngau-tsai-tau-keuk	set	$1.00
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb.	26
,, Leg,—Yeung Pai	,,	26
,, Shoulder,—Yeung Shan	,,	24
,, Saddle,—Yeung On Yuk	,,	16
Pig's Chitlings,—Chu Chong	per set	25
,, Brains,—Chu No	per set	22
,, Feet,—Chu Keuk	lb.	15
,, Fry,—Chu Chap	,,	15
,, Head,—Chu Tau	,,	20
,, Heart,—Chu Sam	each	10
,, Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	each	10
,, Liver,—Chu Kon	lb.	30
Pork Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	,,	25
,, Leg,—Chu Pei	,,	23
,, Loin,—Chu Han Tun	,,	28
,, Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	,,	21
Sheep's Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
,, Heart,—Yeung Sam	each	8
,, Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	each	12
,, Liver,—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs, to order,—Chu Tsai	,,	25
Suet, Beef,—Shang Ngau Yau	,,	20
,, Mutton,—Shang Yeung Yau	,,	26
Veal,—Ngau Tsai Yuk	,,	20
,, Sausages,—Ngau Tsai Cheung No. 1	lb.	20
Lard,—Chu Yau	lb.	—

Fish.

		Cts.
Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb.	19
Bream,—Pin Yu	,,	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	,,	18
Carp,—Li Yu	,,	16
Catfish,—Chik Yu	,,	12
Codfish,—Mun Yu	,,	20
Crabs,—Hai	,,	23
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	,,	16
Dab,—Sha Mang Yu	,,	23
Dace,—Wong Mei Lap	,,	10
Dog Fish,—Tit To Sha	,,	10
Eels, Conger,—Hoi Man	,,	16
,, Fresh water,—Tam Shui Yu	,,	20
,, Yellow,—Wong Sin	,,	26
Frogs,—Tin Kai	,,	32
Garoupa,—Shek Pan	,,	40
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	,,	18
Herrings,—Tso Pak	,,	22
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	,,	18
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	,,	22
Loach,—Wu Yu	,,	22
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	,,	32
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	,,	20
Monk Fish,—Meng Yu	,,	32
Mullet,—Tsai Yu	,,	18
Oysters,—Shang Ho	,,	16
Parrot Fish,—Kai Kung Yu	,,	14
Perch,—Tau Lo	,,	20
Pike,—Fa Pau Fong	,,	16
Plaice,—Pan Yu	,,	28
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	,,	26
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	,,	36
Prawns,—Ming Ha	,,	36
Ray,—Pai Pa Sha	,,	10
Rock Fish,—Shek Kau Kung	,,	13
Roach,—Chun Yu	,,	22
Salmon,—Ma Yu	,,	36
Shark,—Sha Yu	,,	8
Skate,—Po Yu	,,	10
Shrimps,—Ha	,,	26
Snapper,—Lap Yu	,,	32
Soles,—Tat Sha Yu	,,	23
Tench,—Wan Yu	,,	22
Turbot,—Tso Han Yu	,,	18
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Keuk Y	,,	40

Poultry.

		Cts.
Chicken,—Kai Tsai	lb.	30
Capons, small,—Sin Kai	,,	28
Capons, Large,—Sin Kai	,,	28
Duck,—Ap	,,	22
Doves,—Pan Kau	,,	—
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz.	18
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (fresh)	per doz.	25
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb.	36
Fowls, Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	,,	28
Geese,—Ngo	,,	24
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	,,	30
,, Hoihow,—Hoi Hau Pak Kap	each	23
Turkeys, Cock,—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Turkeys, Hen,—Fo Kai Na	,,	52
Snipe,—Sha Tsui	each	22
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	,,	—
Quail,—Om Chun	,,	—
Partridges,—Che Ku	,,	—

FRUITS.

		Cts.
Almonds,—Hang Yan	lb.	35
Apples, (California),—Kam Shan Ping Ko	,,	24
Bananas, (bride's), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	,,	4
Carambola,—Yeung To	,,	12
Cocoanuts,—Ye Tse	each	10
Lemons, China,—Ling Mung	lb.	7
Lemons, America,—Kam Shan Ling Mung	8 each	
Lichees, Dried, (small stone),—Lai Chi Kon	lb.	25
Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet)—Shan-sheng Tim Chang	,,	—
Oranges, (Canton),	,,	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooking,—Sha Li	,,	13
Peanuts,—Fa Shang	,,	10
Persimmons, Large,—Hung Tse	,,	12
Plantain,—Tai Chiu	,,	03
Pumelo, Siam,—Taim Lo Yau	each	13
Walnuts,—Hop To	lb.	14
Grapes,—Po Tai Tsz	,,	25

Vegetables, &c.

		Cts.
Artichokes,—Ah Chi Chouk	each	—
Beans, Sprout,—Nga Tsoi	lb.	4
,, Long,—Tau Kok	,,	8
Beet Root,—Hung Tsoi Tau	,,	8
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	,,	—
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yon Kwa	,,	5
,, Red,—Hung Ke	,,	5
Cabbage Chinese, (common),—Kai Tsoi	,,	6
,, Shanghai,—Ye Tsoi	,,	12
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	,,	—
Cauliflower (Large),—Ye Tsoi Fa	each	—
,, (Medium),	,,	—
,, (Small),	,,	—
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb.	6
Celery Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsoi	,,	10
Chillie Dried,—Kon Lat Chiu	,,	25
,, Red,—Hung Fa Chiu	,,	10
,, Green,—Ching Lat Chiu	,,	8
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Li Chu Liu	lb.	10
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic,—Sun Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	,,	7
Ginger, old,—Lo Keung	,,	10
Horseradish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	,,	45
Indian Corn,—Shuk Mai	each	06
Lettuce,—Yeung Shang Tsoi	each	1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	lb.	6
,, Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	,,	10
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shang Tso Ku	lb.	
Okroes	lb.	10
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chung Tau	lb.	8
Onions, Green,—Shang Chung	lb.	4
Onions, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Chung Tau	,,	6
Parsley,—Kun Tsoi	,,	60
Potato, Sweet,—Fan Shu	,,	3
,, Japanese,—Yat Pun Shu Tsai	lb.	3
,, American,—Fa Kai Shu Tsai	lb.	8
Pumpkin,—Tung Kwa	lb.	3
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	,,	6
Rhubarb (Fresh),—Tai Wong	,,	—
Shallots,—Kong Chong Tau	,,	8
Spinach,—Yin Tsoi	,,	4
Tomatoes,—Fan Ke	,,	7
Taros,—Wu Tau	,,	6
Turnips, Punti, (Long),—Lo Pak	,,	4
Vetable Marrow,—Tsit Kwa	,,	4
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Tsoi	,,	15
,, Lily root,—Lin Ngau	,,	6
Yams,—Tai Shu	,,	6

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 20, 1918.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Wladiostock	6a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Memuro	5a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishi'jima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	29.86	73	90	—	0	b
Hankow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	,,	29.72	75	98	NNE	2	r
Gutzlaff	,,	29.71	77	100	SE	1	o
Sharp Pk.	,,	29.69	89	77	W	1	o
Amoy	,,	29.70	80	87	ENE	1	r
Swatow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	6 a.	29.74	72	91	SSE	2	b
Taichu	,,	29.75	70	—	—	0	b
Tainan	,,	29.74	73	—	E	2	o
Koshun	,,	29.72	77	—	N	2	o
Pescadores	,,	29.73	79	—	SSW	2	o
Canton	6 a.	29.71	80	87	SSW	2	or
Hongkong	,,	29.71	79	87	SSW	3	c
Gap Rock	,,	29.70	—	—	SW	3	c
Macao	,,	29.72	79	90	SSW	4	o
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	29.68	79	96	S	2	o
Tourane	,,	29.71	77	—	—	0	b
C. St. James	,,	29.75	75	—	SW	4	b
Aparri	6 a.	29.73	77	89	S	2	o
Dagupan	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	29.75	75	94	N	1	o
Legaspi	,,	29.75	75	83	SW	4	o
Tacloban	,,	29.78	79	87	WSW	2	o
Iloilo	,,	29.78	79	89	SW	2	o
Surigao	,,	29.78	79	73	WSW	2	o
Guam	4.20	29.81	—	—	E	1	o
Labuan	6 a.	29.80	80	91	SW	2	b

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 20, 1918.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.
7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

MAIL NOTICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1918.

Telegraphic communication with Waglan Lighthouse is interrupted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

For	Date	
Saigon	Wednesday, 21st,	9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Wednesday, 21st,	9.00 A.M.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin	Wednesday, 21st,	3.00 P.M.
Hoihow	Wednesday, 21st,	5.00 P.M.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Thursday, 22nd,	9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand via Thursday Island and New Guinea via Townsville	Thursday, 22nd, Registration / Letters	8.45 A.M. / 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Thursday, 22nd,	2.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi and Cape Town	Thursday, 22nd, Registration / Letters	1.15 P.M. / 3.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Thursday, 22nd,	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Friday, 23rd,	8.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Friday, 23rd,	2.00 P.M.
Banka, Billiton, Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Port Moresby via Batavia	Saturday, 24th,	11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok and India via Calcutta	Saturday, 24th,	11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Saturday, 24th,	3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Sunday, 25th,	9.00 A.M.
Straits Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Suez	Sunday, 25th, Registration / Letters	9.00 A.M. / 9.00 A.M.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 24th August, at 5 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday, 27th,	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Tuesday, 27th,	2.00 P.M.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

SHARE QUOTATIONS

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 20th AUGUST, 1918.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.
11 A.M.

BANKS.	
Hongkong Banks	$600 b. $602½ s. 600/5 sa.
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Canton Ins.	$350 b.
North China Ins.	T.126 b.
Union Ins.	$900 b.
Yangtsze Ins.	$200 b. ex. $73
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fire Ins.	$150 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	$325 b.
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	$86 b.
H.K. Steamboats	$22 s. & 21½ sa.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$31½ n.
Do. (Def.)	$146 s.
Shell Transports	110/- b.
Star Ferries	$27 b. & 28 s.
REFINERIES.	
China Sugars	$82½ b.
Malabon Sugars	$30 n.
MINING.	
Kailan Mining Adm.	45/- b.
Langkats	T. 16 s.
Raubs	$2.90 n.
Tronoh Mines	36/- b.
Ural Caspians	25/- n.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.	
H. & K. Wharfs	[illegible]
H. & W. Docks	$152½ [illegible]
S'hai Docks	T. [illegible]
New Engineerings	[illegible]
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates	$100 n.
Hongkong Hotels	$93 b.
Hongkong Lands	$96 b. & 96 sa.
Humphreys	$7.60 b.
Kowloon Lands	$31 b.
West Points	$71 b.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	T. 187½ b.
Kung Yiks	$18.80 b.
Laou Kung Mows	$120 n.
Orientals	$58 b.
Shanghai Cottons	$153 b.
Yangtszepoos	$9.10 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cements	$7.90 b. & 7.90 sa.
China-Borneos	$10 sa.
China Lights	$5.50 b.
China-Providents	$7.70 sa.
Dairy Farms	$20 n.
H.K. Electrics	$64 b. & 64 sa.
Macau Do.	$40 n.
Hongkong Ropes	$29 b.
H.K. Tramways	$7.10 b. & 7.15 sa.
Peak Tramways (Old)	$7.10 b.
do. (New)	$ .75 b.
Steam Laundries	$3.25 b.
H.K. Steel Foundries	$13½ n.
Water-boats	$11½ b. & 11½ sa.
Watsons	$5.60 n.
Powells	$8.50 b.
Wisemans	$26 n.
Far Easterns	T. 25 b.

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER AND CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, August 12th.

Alor Gajah ($1)	2.85	3.10
Amal. Malay fy. pd.	2.35	2.60
Ayer Hitam ($5)	12.00	13.00
Ayer Kuning ($1)	1.05	1.20
Ayer Molek ($1)	1.80	2.10
Ayer Panas ($5)	8.00	8.50
Balgownie ($1)	4.25	5.00
Bassett ($1)	0.75	0.85
Batang Benar ($10)	11.00	12.00
Batu Lintang ($10)	1.00	1.50pm
Bukit Jelotong ($1)	0.45	0.55
Bukit Katil ($1)	0.75	0.85
Bukit Kepong (2)	2.50	2.80
Bukit K. S. ($1)	0.50	0.65
Bukit Timah ($10)	...	11.00
Changkat S'dang ($5)	5.50	6.00
Glenealy Plns. ($1)	1.45	1.65
Haytor ($5)	7.00	7.50
Indragiri ($5)	4.90	5.00
Jeram ($1)	1.20	1.40
Jasin ($1)	1.30	1.45
Kamuning ($2)	4.10	4.50
Kedah ($1)	2.10	2.50
Kelemak R. ($5)	5.40	5.75
Kempas ($4)	7.00	7.75
Kluang ($5)	4.50	5.00
Lunas ($5)	6.00	6.50
Malaka Pinda	2.00	2.20
Malakoff ($2)	4.05	4.15
Mandai-Tekong ($1)	0.55	0.65
Mergui ($5)	6.00	6.25
New Serendah ($2)	3.50	3.75
Nyalas ($5)	6.50	7.10
Pajam ($5)	9.75	10.25
Pandan ($1)	1.10	1.25
Parit Perak ($1)	2.00	2.20
Perak River ($1)	2.00	2.20
Pulau Bulang ($10)	4.05	[illegible]
Punggor ($1)	0.50	0.65
Radella ($5)	8.75	9.50
Sandycroft ($2)	3.00	3.50
Scudai ($5)	6.00	6.25
Sembrong ($1)	0.25	0.35
Sungei Bagan ($2)	2.75	3.00
Sungei Patani ($1)	0.30	0.40pm
Tambalak ($1)	0.80	0.90
Tapah ($10)	13.00	14.00
Teluk Anson ($5)	2.00	2.75
Temerloh ($1)	0.80	1.90
Trafalgar ($2)	0.90	1.00
Ulu Pandan ($1)	0.55	0.70
United Malacca ($1)	0.80	0.90
Utan Simpan ($1)	3.00	3.75

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet, 2 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet, 4 inches to the height given in the table.

August 21st to 27th, 1918.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time			Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time			Height
			h	m	feet		h	m	feet
Wed.	21	m	8	1	7.7	m	1	30	2.2
			9	15	4.9		3	11	[illegible]
Thur.	22	m	8	51	7.4	m	2	12	2.7
			9	45	5.2		3	40	0.8
Fri.	23	m	9	41	7.5	m	3	11	2.3
			10	21	[illegible]		4	13	1.0
Sat.	24	m	10	33	[illegible]	m	4	0	2.0
			10	[illegible]	5.0		4	44	1.4
Sun.	25	m	11	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			11	56	6.1		[illegible]	[illegible]	1.3
Mon.	26		0	20	6.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.8
			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	2.5
Tues.	27	m	0	15	6.3	m	[illegible]	41	2.0
			1	26	5.4		6	24	[illegible]

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.69	29.71	29.72
Temperature	85	79	83
Humidity	82	87	76
Direction of Wind	S	SSW	SW
Force	3	3	2
Weather	[illegible]	[illegible]	d
Rain	0.10	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 19th—85
Lowest open air Temperature on the 20th—79

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Hongkong, Observatory Aug. 20, 1918.

Temperature.

Hongkong, August 20th, 1918.

BAROMETER—9 A.M.		29.72
Do. 1 P.M.		29.70
Do. 4 P.M.		29.69
THERMOMETER 9 A.M.		82
Do. 1 P.M.		83
Do. 4 P.M.		83
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.		78
Do. (Wet bulb) 1 P.M.		78
Do. (Wet bulb) 4 P.M.		78
Do. Maximum		83
Do. Minimum (over night)		78

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